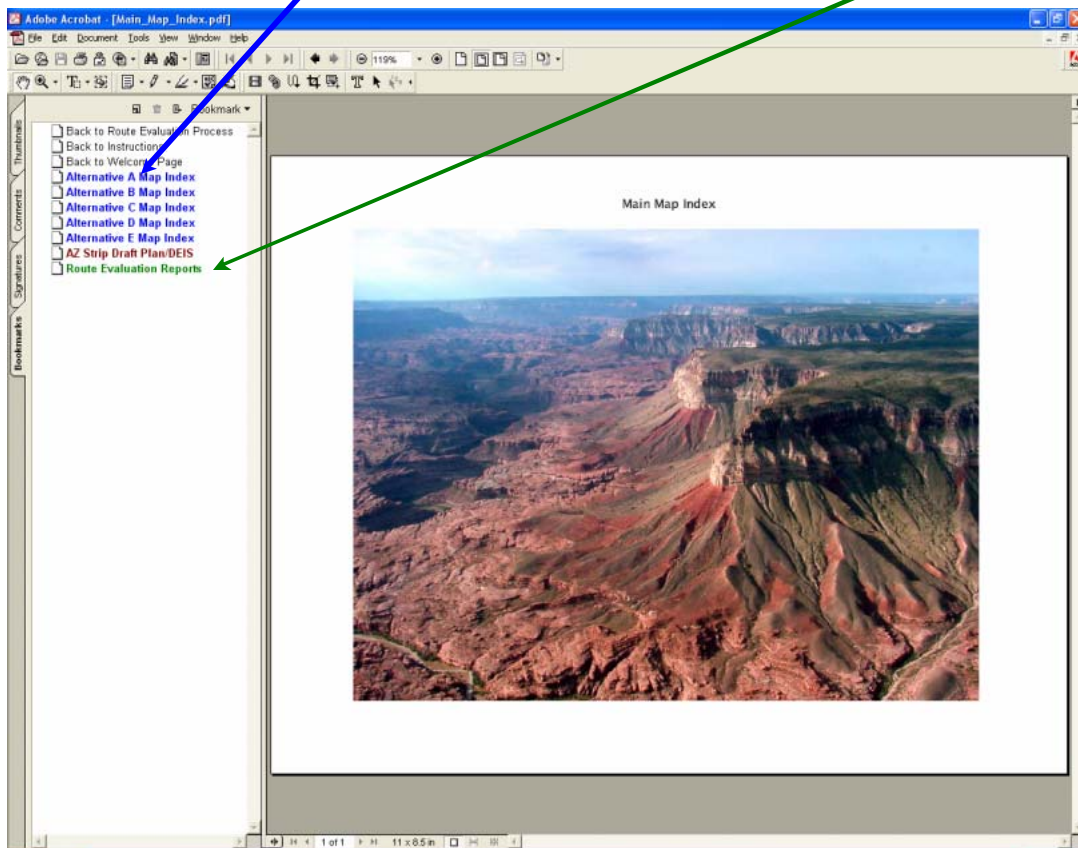# Route Evaluation Process

During the development of the plan alternatives, approximately 1600 existing routes in the Littlefield, AZ, Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, and Vermilion Cliffs National Monument were evaluated using the **Route Evaluation Tree**© process.

A potential designation was assigned to each of these routes for Alternative B-Alternative E, as Open, Open seasonally, Administrative, Non-Motorized or Closed.

(Throughout much of the Arizona Strip Field Office area, where specific route designation decisions and the subsequent designated system were not practical to define or delineate during the land use planning process, a preliminary network was identified (see Trails and Travel Management Maps 2.2, 2.11, 2.21, 2.31, 2.41). Following the completion of the Resource Management Plan and of route inventories for the Arizona Strip F. O., the Route Evaluation Tree© process would be used to develop a final travel management network.)
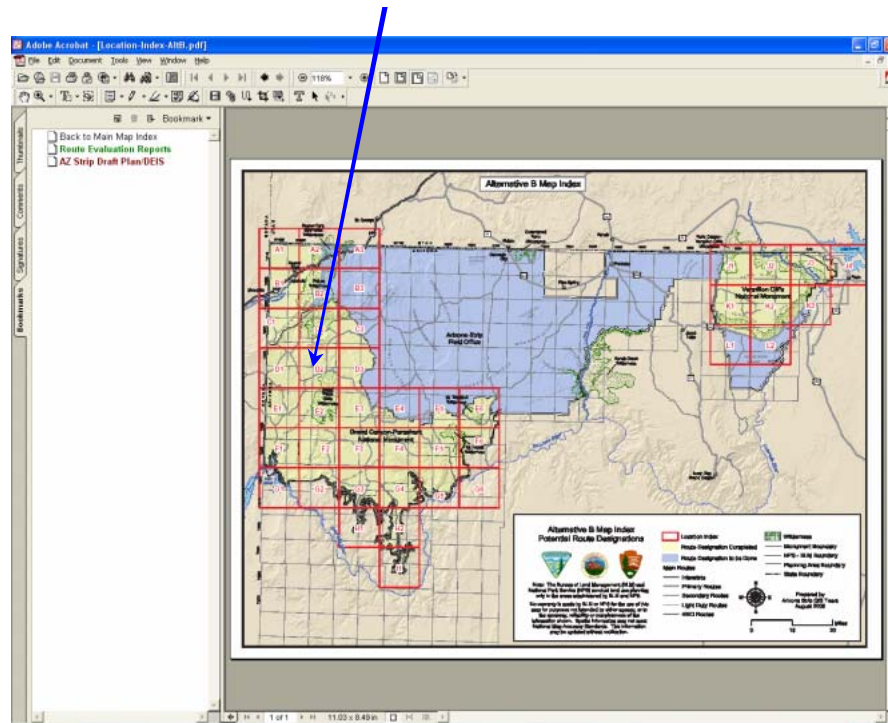
How to Use this CD for Route Evaluation Review

Once you have chosen to view information related to Route Evaluations, you may choose between viewing Potential Route Designation Maps by Alternatives or viewing Route Evaluation Reports.
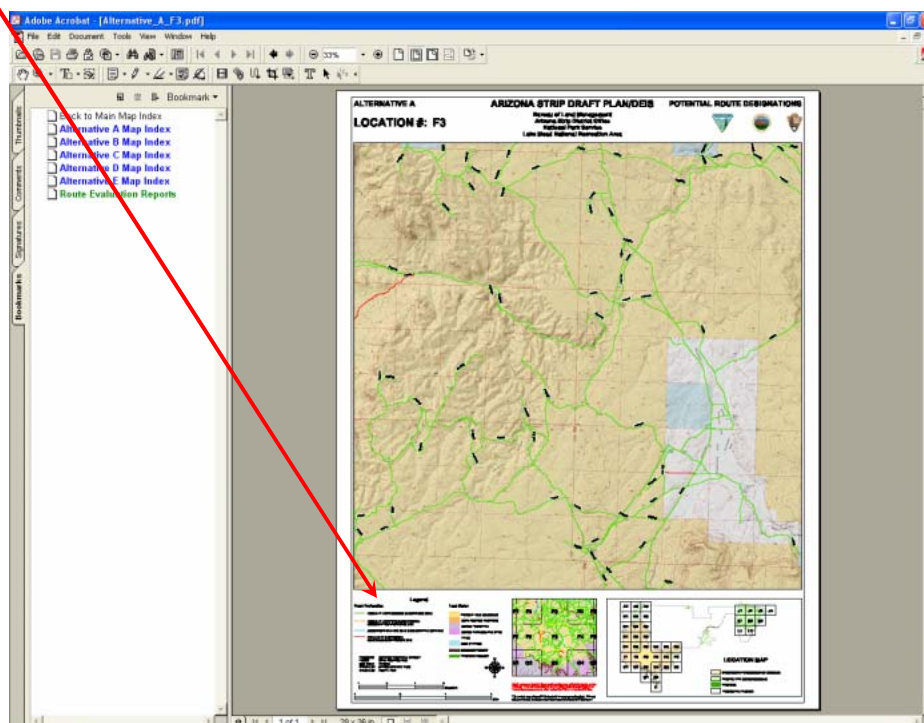
Viewing Potential Route Designation Maps by Alternative

Each Route evaluated using the Route Evaluation Process has been assigned a unique route identifier such as "M1049'. The first two places of the route identifier (i.e., M1) is the code for the sub-subregion evaluated and is displayed on the 1:24,000 scale maps. You can see the 1:24,000 scale maps by clicking on an Index # in the View.
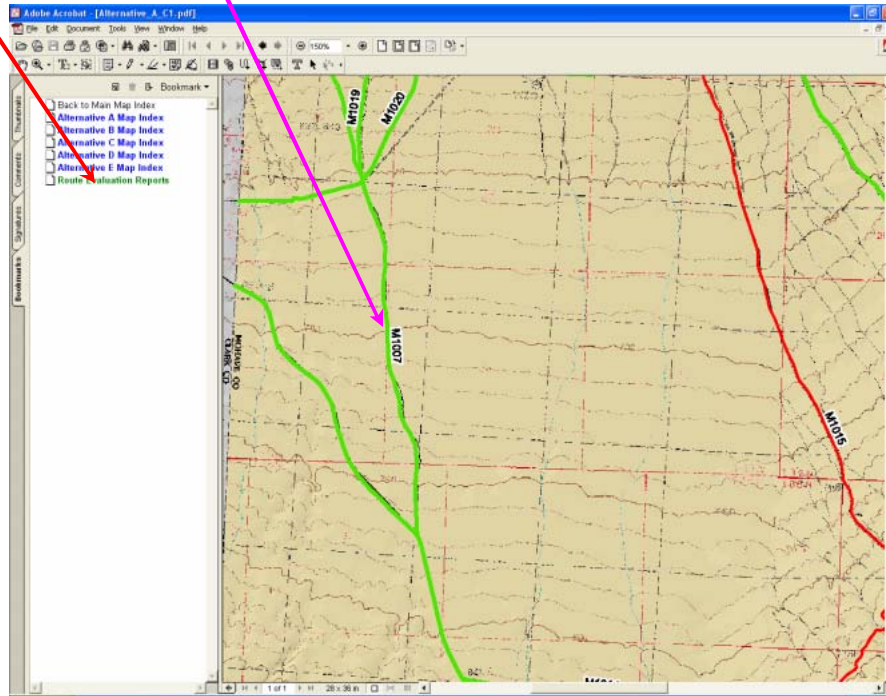

The legend on each 1:24,000 scale map explain the color classifications of each potential route designation displayed, such as green = open, blue = administrative, red = closed, etc.
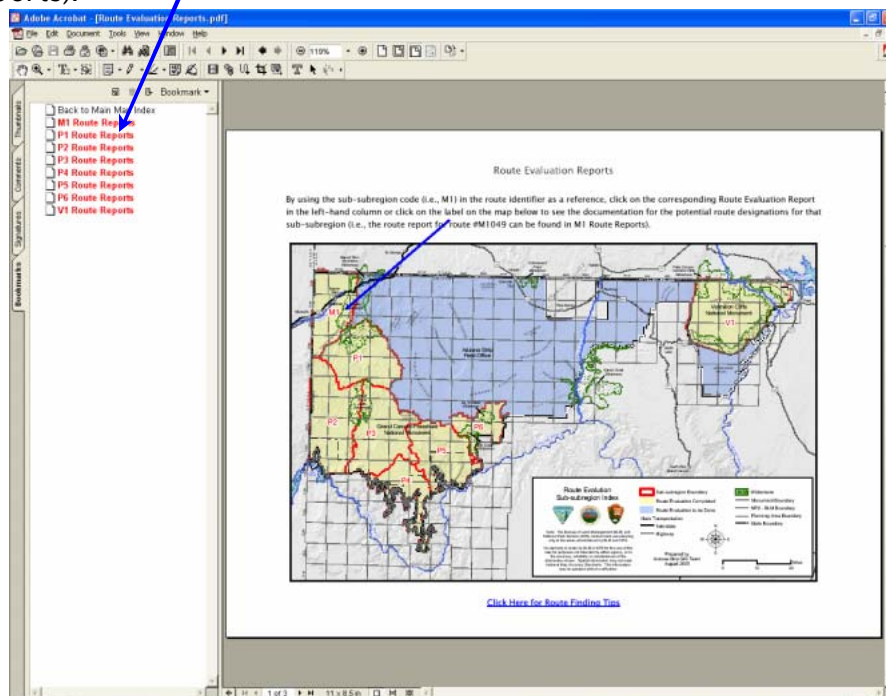
Viewing Route Evaluation Reports

Once you know the identifier for the sub-subregion and route that interests you, and you would like to see the documentation of the evaluation factors for a potential route designation, click on Route Evaluation Reports in the bottom left-hand column of the bookmarks column.

By using the sub-subregion code (i.e., M1) in the route identifier as a reference, click on the set of corresponding Route Evaluation Reports to see the documentation for the potential route designations for that sub-subregion (i.e., the route report for route #M1049 can be found in M1 Route Reports).

To find out more about the Route Evaluation Process, click on **Appendix 2.T (Route Evaluation Tree© Process).** To get started reviewing the products of the process click on **Potential Route Designation Maps and Route Evaluation Reports.**

How to comment on the Arizona Strip Draft Plan/DEIS Route Evaluations

Your review and comments on specific potential route designations on this CD are an essential part of the route evaluation process.   We welcome information from you on the routes depicted under each alternative as shown on these route evaluation maps.

The most useful types of comments that will help in determining a proposed route network in the Monuments and in the Littlefield and Ferry Swale Sub-regions in the Final Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (MP/FEIS) would be one or more of the following:

1) Information on an existing route not shown on the maps.
2) Information on a route shown on the maps that does not exist or no longer exists.
3) New information on a specific use for a route that the potential route designation does not appear to consider.
4) The best configuration of routes to consider in a Final MP/FEIS to continue an existing use or to use in conjunction with a new use.
5) Problems with a specific route as indicated on the maps.

Please be as specific as possible and include route numbers so that your information can be accurately captured and considered in the Final MP/FEIS.   Thanks for your help.

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